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**Kimberly Hardy,**

*Information Collections Officer, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office.*

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## **BUREAU OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION**

[Docket No. CFPB-2021-0017]

### **Notice and Request for Comment Regarding the CFPB's Inquiry Into Big Tech Payment Platforms**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comment; re-opening of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** On October 21, 2021, the Consumer Financial Protection (Bureau or CFPB) ordered six large technology companies operating payments systems in the United States to provide information about certain of their business practices. Accompanying the orders, the Director of the Bureau issued a statement and invited interested parties to comment on the inquiry. The statement and request for comment was published in the **Federal Register** on November 5, 2021, in a document titled, "Notice and Request for Comment Regarding the CFPB's Inquiry Into Big Tech Payment Platforms." The Bureau has determined that a re-opening of the comment period until December 21, 2021, is appropriate.

**DATES:** The end of the comment period for the document titled, "Notice and Request for Comment Regarding the CFPB's Inquiry Into Big Tech Payment Platforms," published on November 5, 2021 (86 FR 61182), is reopened from December 6, 2021, until December 21, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the methods identified in the notice.<sup>1</sup>

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Amy Zirkle, Program Manager for Payments & Deposits, (202) 435-7505. If you require this document in an alternative electronic format, please contact [CFPB\\_Accessibility@cfpb.gov](mailto:CFPB_Accessibility@cfpb.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On October 21, 2021, the Bureau ordered six large technology companies operating payments systems in the United States to provide information about certain of their business practices.

The information will help the CFPB better understand how these firms use personal payments data and manage data access to users so the Bureau can ensure adequate consumer protection. Accompanying the orders, the Director of the Bureau issued a statement and invited interested parties to comment on the inquiry. The statement and request for comment that published in the **Federal Register** stated that the comment period would close on December 6, 2021. Allowing an additional comment period will provide additional opportunity for the public to prepare comments related to this inquiry. Therefore, the Bureau is re-opening the comment period for this request until December 21, 2021. The Bureau will also accept any comments that arrive between the time the original comment period closed on December 6, 2021, and December 7, 2021.

**Rohit Chopra,**

*Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

### **Agency Information Collection Extension**

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Submission for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) review; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE) has submitted an information collection request to the OMB for extension under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection requests a three-year extension of its collection for Superior Energy Performance 50001 (SEP 50001) Certification and 50001 Ready Recognition, OMB Control Number 1910-5177. The proposed collection will relate to tracking partner participation and calculating the energy efficiency impact of DOE's Superior Energy Performance certification and 50001 Ready recognition programs.

**DATES:** Comments regarding this collection must be received on or before January 6, 2022. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, please advise the OMB Desk Officer of your intention to make a submission as soon as possible. The Desk Officer may be telephoned at (202) 395-4718.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed

information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Ethan Rogers, EE-5A/Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585, by fax at 202-287-6093, or by email at [ethan.rogers@ee.doe.gov](mailto:ethan.rogers@ee.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This information collection request contains:

- (1) *OMB No.*: 1910-5177;
- (2) *Information Collection Request Title*: Superior Energy Performance 50001 (SEP 50001) Certification and 50001 Ready Recognition;
- (3) *Type of Request*: Renewal;
- (4) *Purpose*: This Information Collection Request applies to the Department of Energy (DOE) voluntary ISO 50001 programs for industrial facilities: Superior Energy Performance® (SEP®) and 50001 Ready™ recognition. SEP is an energy efficiency certification and recognition program for commercial, institutional, and industrial facilities demonstrating excellence in energy management as well as continual improvement in energy efficiency through third-party verified energy performance. 50001 Ready recognition is a self-attestation of the implementation of an ISO 50001 energy management system without the need for external audits. Respondents include commercial, institutional, and industrial facilities. For SEP 50001, additional respondents include SEP 50001 Verification Bodies.

(5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents*: 450;

(6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses*: 450;

(7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours*: 450;

(8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden*: \$31,452.

*Statutory Authority*: Accelerating Investment in Industrial Energy Efficiency. Executive Order 13624, 77 FR 54779 (Aug. 30, 2012); 42 U.S.C. 16191.

#### **Signing Authority**

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on November 24, 2021, by Rebecca Jones-Albertus, Acting Director, Advanced Manufacturing Office, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is

<sup>1</sup> See 86 FR 61182 (Nov. 5, 2021).

maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on December 1, 2021.

**Treena V. Garrett,**

*Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S.  
Department of Energy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[OE Docket No. PP- 481-2]

### Application To Amend Presidential Permit; CHPE LLC

**AGENCY:** Office of Electricity,  
Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of application.

**SUMMARY:** CHPE LLC (the Applicant) has filed an application to amend Presidential Permit No. PP-481-1. CHPE LLC is requesting the amendment to clarify the maximum electric transmission capacity of the previously permitted facilities.

**DATES:** Comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be submitted on or before December 22, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments or motions to intervene should be addressed to Christopher Lawrence,  
*Christopher.Lawrence@hq.doe.gov*.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christopher Lawrence (Program Office) at (202) 586-5260 or by email to *Christopher.Lawrence@hq.doe.gov*, or Christopher Drake (Attorney-Adviser) at (202) 586-2919 or by email to *Christopher.Drake@hq.doe.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The construction, operation, maintenance, and connection of facilities at the international border of the United States for the transmission of electric energy between the United States and a foreign country is prohibited in the absence of a Presidential permit issued pursuant to Executive Order (E.O.) 10485, as amended by E.O. 12038.

On November 24, 2021, CHPE LLC filed an application with the Office of Electricity of the Department of Energy (DOE), as required by regulations at 10 CFR 205.320 *et seq.*, requesting that DOE amend Presidential Permit No. PP-

481-1 to clarify the maximum electric transmission capacity of the previously permitted facilities.

On October 6, 2014, DOE issued Presidential Permit No. PP-362, authorizing Champlain Hudson Power Express, Inc. (CHPEI) to construct, operate, maintain, and connect the Champlain Hudson Power Express Project (Project). As described in PP-362, the Project is a 1,000-megawatt (MW), high-voltage direct current (HVDC), underground and underwater merchant transmission system that will cross the United States-Canada international border underwater near the Town of Champlain, New York, extend approximately 336 miles south through New York State, and interconnect to facilities located in Queens County, New York, owned by the Consolidated Edison Company of New York. The aquatic segments of the transmission line will primarily be buried in sediments of Lake Champlain and the Hudson, Harlem, and East rivers. The terrestrial portions of the transmission line will primarily be buried within existing road and railroad rights-of-way (ROW). On July 21, 2020, DOE issued Presidential Permit PP-481 transferring the facilities authorized in PP-362 to CHPE LLC at the request of CHPEI and CHPE LLC.

On April 30, 2021, DOE issued Presidential Permit No. PP-481-1, amending CHPE LLC's permit to incorporate proposed revisions to the Project route and authorizing the increase in the Project's capacity from 1,000 MW to 1,250 MW.

In its Supplemental Request for authorization to increase the Project's capacity from 1,000 MW to 1,250 MW in PP-481-1, CHPE LLC noted that it had "submitted an application request (NYISO Queue Position #887) for an additional 250 MW injection at the Point of Interconnection at the New York Power Authority's Astoria Annex 345 kV substation." The New York Independent System Operator (NYISO) evaluated the request via an "Interconnection System Reliability Impact Study for the NYISO Q887: CH Uprate Project" (Interconnection Study) and provided the Interconnection Study to DOE. To gauge the reliability impact of the additional 250 MW injection at the Astoria Annex Substation, the Interconnection Study modeled 1,298 MW of Project withdrawal at the Hertel Substation in Canada to account for expected transmission line losses. In other words, an assumption in the Interconnection Study was that the transmission rate at the U.S.-Canada border would have to be 1,298 MW for 1,250 MW to be injected at the Astoria

Annex Substation more than 300 miles away.

Article 3 of PP-481-1 states, in part, that the "maximum non-simultaneous rate of transmission over the permitted facilities shall not exceed 1,250 MW." On its face, this language limits the Project's authorized capacity such that the Project cannot transmit at a rate greater than 1,250 MW anywhere between the border crossing and the Astoria Annex Substation, and therefore is prohibited from withdrawing approximately 1,298 MW at the Hertel Substation in order to inject 1,250 MW at the Astoria Annex Substation. CHPE LLC requests that DOE amend the Presidential Permit to explicitly state that the Project is authorized to inject 1,250 MW at the point of interconnection at the Astoria Annex Substation. This amendment would account for anticipated line losses and is consistent with the reliability analysis conducted by NYISO. The requested capacity increase to allow 1,250 MW injection at the Astoria Annex Substation is the only requested amendment; no other changes to the permitted facilities as described or analyzed in PP-481-1 are contemplated.

Comments and other filings concerning this application should be clearly marked with OE Docket No. PP-481-2. Consideration of comments is limited to those addressing the subject of the proposed amendment; comments on any part of PP-481-1 will not be considered. Additional copies are to be provided directly to Mr. Donald Jessome, Chief Executive Officer, Transmission Developers Inc., Pieter Schuyler Building, 600 Broadway, Albany, New York 12207-2283, *donald.jessome@transmissiondevelopers.com*, and Jay Ryan, Baker Botts LLP, 700 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20001, *jay.ryan@bakerbotts.com*.

Before a Presidential permit may be issued or amended, DOE must determine that the proposed action is in the public interest. In making that determination, DOE will consider the environmental impacts of the proposed action (*i.e.*, granting the Presidential permit or amendment, with any conditions and limitations, or denying the permit), determine the proposed project's impact on electric reliability by ascertaining whether the proposed project would adversely affect the operation of the U.S. electric power supply system under normal and contingency conditions, and weigh any other factors that DOE may also consider relevant to the public interest. DOE also must obtain the favorable recommendation of the Secretary of